

May 20, 2018 (6 pm) – Important Information:

Eversource had approximately 150 line and tree crews working in town today and will have crews working through the evening.

Total outages are currently at 7% (approximately 850 homes). Crews are or will be working in the Obtuse, Hanover, Currituck, Parmalee, Georges Hill, Taunton, Shady Rest, Riverside, and Lakeview areas of town among others. Based on the amount of infrastructure work that needs to be done Eversource expects roughly 700 homes to be without power later this evening. Unfortunately, the restoration effort has reached the point where efforts are yielding smaller results as the outage areas that remain are in smaller groups. That said, Eversource promises a sustained effort until all power is restored.

While the Emergency Management Team is currently working on filing declarations to secure disaster relief resources, we cannot guarantee that any resources will be available from the state or federal governments. In the event that resources do become available it's important that you keep pictures of the damage to your home and property and keep track of your expenses.

Tomorrow showers will be available at Newtown High School from 5a to 10p and the Municipal Center will be open from 8a to 8p. Also, the Transfer Station will be open from 7a to 3p.

The Edmond Town Hall will also be showing two FREE movies tomorrow as follows: Despicable Me 3 at 10:30a and Captain Underpants at 1p.

The Emergency Management Team will meet again tomorrow morning with Eversource and will make additional updates as necessary.

Newtown's First Selectman and the Emergency Management Office continue to urge residents to be safe and stay informed.

Safety First:

Avoid the use of candles due to the risk of fire if left unattended
Do not use outside cooking equipment inside
Keep generator exhaust away from residence
Stay away from power lines
Be careful of fatigue especially when using chainsaws

Residents can come to locations listed below to seek relief/assistance

Cell phone/electronic equipment charging

The Municipal Center, located at Fairfield Hills will be open Monday from 8a to 8p.

Newtown Senior Center at 14 Riverside Rd, Sandy Hook, Mon thru Fri 8 am to 4:30 pm

Cyrenius Booth Library, 25 Main Street, Newtown. Tel (203) 426-4533

Hours: Mon thru Thurs – 9:30 am to 8 pm, Fri – 11 am to 5 pm; Sat 9:30 am to 5 pm;
Sun 12 to 5 pm

Showers

Newtown High School, 12 Berkshire Road, Sandy Hook Sunday and Monday from 5 am to 10 pm. Enter at Main Entrance.

NYA Sports and Fitness, 4 Primrose Street, located at Fairfield Hills, 5:30 am to 8 pm, check in at front desk

Water

The Fire houses in your neighborhood. Fill from a hose, bring your own containers.

Park & Rec Garage (across from Reed School). Fill from a hose, bring your own containers.

Transfer Station (Free Brush Disposal - *Less than 3in in diameter*)

Open Monday from 7 am to 3 pm

Dumpsters for Spoiled Food Disposal

Available at Newtown High School, Hawleyville and Dodgingtown Fire Departments.

Special Health Needs/Questions

Contact Donna Culbert, Newtown Health District, tel 203-270-4291 or e-mail donna.culbert@newtown-ct.gov After hours tel 203-270-4200

We ask that you please check on any elderly or frail neighbors to be certain they are doing OK.

Important numbers and contact information:

If there is a Life Safety Emergency – call 911

Power outage – call 800-286-2000

Code Red – register at Emergency Management on the Public Safety page on the Town of Newtown's website <http://www.newtown-ct.gov/emergency-management> or call 203-270-4370 for assistance;

Smart 911 – register at Emergency Management on the Public Safety page on the Town of Newtown's website <http://www.newtown-ct.gov/emergency-management>

Check **the News tab on the Town website:** www.newtown-ct.gov
You can register there too to receive news.

Connecticut's free information and referral service: call 2-1-1 or visit www.211ct.org

First Selectman's office Tel (203) 270-4201
Emergency Management/Fire Marshal Tel (203) 270-4370
Health District Tel (203) 270-4291